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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 1997

Docket No. R97-1

DOUGLAS F. CARLSON  
INTERROGATORIES TO THE  
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
(DFC/USPS-3-6)

September 15, 1997

Pursuant to sections 25 and 26 of the *Rules of Practice*, I, Douglas F. Carlson, hereby submit interrogatories to the United States Postal Service.

The instructions contained in my interrogatories to witness Fronk (DFC/USPS-T32-1-7) are incorporated herein by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 15, 1997



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**DFC/USPS-3.** Please identify and list the five proposed rates and fees in Docket No. R97-1 that reflect the highest cost coverages of all rates and fees that the Postal Service has proposed in this case.

**DFC/USPS-4.** Please provide all examples since the Postal Reorganization Act of a cost coverage (i) over 275 percent or (ii) over 300 percent that the Commission has recommended, the Board of Governors has approved, and the Postal Service has implemented.

**DFC/USPS-5.**

a. Were the size, shape, texture, thickness, paper stock, and any other relevant characteristics of stamped cards selected or designed with the goal of optimizing, maximizing, increasing, or otherwise improving the automation compatibility of stamped cards? Please explain your answer fully.

b. Please provide an explanation of, and all documents relating to, all reviews, analyses, or studies that have been conducted to assess, evaluate, or improve the automation compatibility of stamped cards.

**DFC/USPS-6.** Please refer to Attachment I to Response to DFC/USPS-T5-2(b) and explain why the costs attributable to postal cards are significantly lower than the costs attributable to private single-piece post cards. In the response, please indicate whether witness Patelunas' explanation in Docket No. MC96-3 (OCA/USPS-T5-11; Tr. 2/252) still applies.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon the required participants of record in accordance with section 12 of the *Rules of Practice* and sections 3(B) and 3(C) of the *Special Rules of Practice*.



DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

September 15, 1997  
Emeryville, California